प्रमाणन संबंधी एक स्कीम लागू की गई हैं। सलाहाकार पैंनलों का गठन है कि महिलाओं को उचित प्रतिनिधित्व प्रदान किया जाए।

U.S. Airlines Seeking Entry in India

182. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJ-RAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the "Times of India" of 30th June, 1995 that there are many US Airlines seeking entry in India;

(b) whether India's position has recently been reviewed in a meeting between the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of the Civil Aviation Ministry; and

(c) if so, what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. After discussions with the Ministry of External Affairs, a decision has been taken to seek a review of the India-US bilateral Air Services Agreement. A request for bilateral talks to discuss this issue has already been made to the U.S. Government.

Criticism of Political Parties about DD-CNN Agreement

183 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan agreement with CNN has been criticised by the media and several political parties; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction to the criticism being made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH ! DEO): (a) and (b) The agreement has evoked both positive and negative reactions. Government, however, does not share the view that the agreement is against our national interest.

Cooperative Banks in Uttarakhand

184. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to increase the number of cooperative banks in Uttarakhand area of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Under the three tire co-operative structure, there are District Central Co-operative Banks acting as Central Financing Agency in the district and these District Central Cooperative Banks (one District Co-operative Bank in each District) are free to open branches within their area of operation (entire district) without obtaining permission from Reserve Bank of India (RBI). RBI has reported that there are 57 District Central Co-operative Banks already functioning in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh including the Uttarakhand area which are catering to the credit requirements of people in the area of their operations.

Time Slot Arrangement between Doordarshan and C.N.N.

185. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what is the arrangement of time-slot in the agreement reached between Doordarshan and C.N.N.?